

## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**September 26, 2013**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
Phyllis Hansell  
Arnie Honkamp  
Mark Peltan  
Guy Richardson  
Kim Spading  
Roberta Yoder

#### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

Representative Joel Fry (absent)  
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)  
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)  
Senator Jack Whitver

#### **STAFF**

Sally Titus  
Jennifer Vermeer  
Amy McCoy

Nancy Freudenberg  
Jen Harbison  
Linda Miller

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Peltan, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. by teleconference on Thursday, September 26, 2013, in the Director's Fifth Floor Conference Room of the Hoover Building.

## **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present as well as Senator Whitver. Ex-officio legislative members Representatives Heddens and Fry and Senator Ragan were absent.

Chair Peltan read the following: "This meeting of the Iowa Council on Human Services is being held in accord with Section 21.8 of the Code of Iowa entitled "electronic meeting." The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical, or if the governmental body complies with the following rules. The rules essentially state that access must be provided to the public. The meeting is being held on a speaker phone in the Director's fifth floor conference room of the Hoover State Office Building. Notices and agendas were sent to interested groups as well as the press advising them the meeting will be held via conference call. Minutes will be kept of the meeting."

## **RULES**

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council.

1. Amendments to Chapters 74 and 88, Medicaid. Implements the Iowa Health and Wellness Program in accordance with legislative mandate.

Freudenberg said comments were received from the Iowa Child and Family Policy Center and Iowa Health advocates. There were four provisions in the rules that those commenting asked to be changed. (The comments are summarized in the rules.)

Spading asked for clarification on the \$10 co-payment for non-emergency use of the emergency room to beneficiaries. Medicaid Director Vermeer stated hospitals will make their own decisions on how they will pursue and recover the amounts owed to them. She noted this is the one and only co-payment in the program. Spading said she is concerned that trying to collect this co-payment from individuals will be difficult for hospitals and may up end being indirect reimbursement cuts for them. Peltan suggested Council be updated on this in six months.

Spading asked who would be considered an "exempt individual." Vermeer said there is a document that summarizes in detail how IME will define those individual groups. She explained the alternative plan.

Honkamp asked if the waiver for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan has been approved. Vermeer responded no. Staff are still working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and remain optimistic. Peltan noted that the rule does not include those parts that have not been approved i.e., premiums.

A motion was made by Anderson to approve and seconded by Richardson.  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

2. Amendments to Chapters 75, Medicaid. Implements a major revision to this Medicaid chapter in accordance with legislative mandate.

Freudenberg said no comments were received and no revisions were made to the noticed rule.

Council and staff discussed the costs related to expansion of services to former foster care children.

Honkamp requested he be provided further information on the estate recovery program.

A motion was made by Richardson to approve and seconded by Yoder.  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

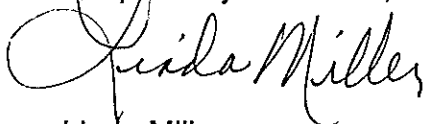
#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at the Mt. Pleasant Mental Health Institute.

A motion was made by Honkamp to adjourn and seconded by Yoder. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Council adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Miller  
Recording Secretary

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